

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present patent application is the national stage of PCT patent application PCT/IB2004/002095, filed on June 11, 2004 and amended both in the specification and the claims during the PCT process. In particular, the claims amended herein are the claims that were previously amended during the PCT process on May 10, 2005.

This preliminary amendment is entered to eliminate the multiple dependency of claims 9, 13, and 20, and to improve the formatting of independent claim 1. No new matter has been added.

If it is felt for any reason that direct communication would serve to advance prosecution of the present application in this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record, Franco A. Serafini, by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

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